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### ***NAVSEA PORT HUENEME BEGINS TRANSITION TO NAVY/MARINE CORPS INTRANET***

NAVSEA Port Hueneme Surface Warfare Center Division has reached a major milestone in the Navy's transition to the Navy/Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI) by rolling out the first new computer workstation under the NMCI contract. This is not only the first workstation being rolled out for the Navy in Ventura County, but also for the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA), one of the six major systems commands that comprise the Navy.

Just a year and a half after NAVSEA Port Hueneme put together their NMCI Transition Team, they have rolled out the first of over 2,700 computer workstations that will be put in place over the next four months in Port Hueneme and NAVSEA Port Hueneme's offsite locations around the country. This culminates a tremendous planning effort to support the Navy's transition to a system of global connectivity designed to improve the efficiency of its IT services and enable Navy personnel to focus solely on the job of supporting sailors at sea.

Under NMCI, not only will all NAVSEA Port Hueneme employees, and eventually all Navy personnel, find new computer systems at their desks, but the software products and security systems used Navywide will be standardized, virtually eradicating compatibility problems among all Navy activities.

Once the Navy awarded the NMCI contract late in 2000, NAVSEA Port Hueneme opted for early adoption of the program because their well-managed technology infrastructure and technology assets positioned them for a smooth transition and allowed them to provide a blueprint for other Navy activities to follow. A project of this magnitude, daunting at best and a logistical nightmare at worst, has been an opportunity for NAVSEA Port Hueneme and an excellent example of their imagination, planning, and teamwork.

Under NMCI, all of the Navy's IT infrastructure resources will be contracted out. The current \$6.9 billion contract stipulates that EDS, the primary contract holder, subcontract at least 30% of its work to businesses in each local area where NMCI is in place. This part of the process has served NAVSEA Port Hueneme well since 80% of their IT needs had already been filled through local contracts and many of these personnel stayed on under the NMCI contract.

Mr. Charles Giacchi, Executive Director, NAVSEA Port Hueneme, has been extremely pleased with the tremendous efforts of the NAVSEA Port Hueneme NMCI transition team, known as the Information Strike Force (ISF). "The ISF team has worked hard, sometimes around the clock, to make this a seamless transition for our personnel. Prior to beginning this transition, we understood the magnitude of the project and were keenly aware of the many variables that could hamper our success. While we are not quite at the end of the road yet, the most difficult portion is behind us and the hard work our ISF has done up to now has done a great deal to smooth out the road ahead."

In the months to come, as the transition to NMCI continues, Navy users will have global connectivity to Navy activities with secure, seamless data transfers from end to end. The engineers and logisticians at NAVSEA Port Hueneme will have the benefit of standardized computers, software suites, and uniform Navywide IT policies. NMCI will allow them to sit at any Navy desktop anywhere in the world and access information as if they were sitting at their own desks. Eventually, Navy IT infrastructure will fade into the background and become as reliable, convenient and unobtrusive as telecommunication infrastructure is today.

Captain Alan G. Maiorano, Commander, NAVSEA Port Hueneme, looks forward to the completion of the transition, saying, "Rather than utilizing our valuable intellectual resources to handle IT needs, our trained personnel will be even better suited to attend to the tasks critical to our primary mission, supporting US sailors at sea."

Located at the Naval Base Ventura County Port Hueneme base, NAVSEA Port Hueneme Division, a component of the Naval Sea Systems Command, is the Navy's premier in-service engineering and logistics center and has been in existence for 39 years. NAVSEA Port Hueneme Division provides test and evaluation, in-service engineering, and integrated logistics support for weapon systems installed in the United States Navy fleet, United States Coast Guard fleet, and many foreign Navy fleets. NAVSEA Port Hueneme Division's vision is to provide safe, effective, and affordable weapon systems that enable ships and sailors to fight and win.

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